

Project Profile:

The Young Activists Funding Network (YAFNet) is a networking and media organization. Its purpose is to equip young activists (30 years and under) with the resources to dedicate themselves to bettering their communities, greater society, and the world.

The YAFNet will create and circulate a publication and website that features profiles of young activists and their proposed social and environmental projects. This resource (publication/website) will act as a market place for supporters/investors to shop for philanthropic opportunity.

Once a young activist received enough support, that individual would have the resources to devote much of their time (part time or full time, depending) to their proposed project. In this way we can exponentially increase the amount of time being devoted to progressive and beneficial causes by young people.

Steps:

- select youth from all over the country to serve on the board of directors. We hope to make this board as diverse as possible (in race, gender, class, etc...). Until board is formed YAFNet volunteers will make decisions.

- actively out reach to and recruit young activists from a broad diversity of backgrounds, in search of proposals.

- board of directors selects projects to feature in publication/website. Goals will be to feature projects from as diverse a group of people as possible.

- publish document create and update website

 - Format would include a biography, pictures, and history/profile of the young activist, proposal for the project and a sample budget.

- use above resources for networking and outreaching to affluent progressive individuals, communities, and organizations. Resources could be presented by tabling and advertising at conferences, festivals, conventions, faith based events and political rallies, both local and national. This resource would be very visually stimulating and intellectually engaging to the reader.

- Facilitate the transfer of funds to the young activist. Administerate the communication structure (i.e. Email listserve) between the young activists with willing funder(s) as to encourage communication about the ongoing status of the project.

- Track progress on all projects and report success annually in newsletter format.

- Reach out to communities that may be able to provide funding and to youth interested in participating in the future. And stay connected with existing/expanding network via

annual newsletter, and listserve(s).

-Encourage volunteers and local participation. Provide structure to start local chapters

-Catalyze involvement of young activists in local community, greater society, and the world.

Note: YAFNet is currently searching for an existing group with 501(c)(3) non-profit status we could operate under until independent non-profit status is desired, required, or called for.

Desired Timeline:

February 5th – Call for project submissions

February 10th – Send Funding Packets out

March – Composition, Layout, Editing of Publication

- Website completion

April 1st – Preliminary printing of Publication

June – Tabling and Seeking Support at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, Long Beach, CA

October – Tabling at the Bioneers Conference, Marin County, CA

November – Tabling at the Greenfestival in San Francisco

Preliminary Budget Proposal:

Partime Organizer Salary	\$3,000.00
Printing Costs	
-Aprox 200 Booklets -on 100% recycled paper	\$3,000.00
¼ Page Add in UU General Assembly Program	
-Note: Already reserved payment due Feb. 25 th , 2004	\$175.00
10' x 10' Tabling Booth at UU General Assembly	
-Note: Already reserved payment due Feb 25 th , 2004	\$350.00
10' x 10' Tabling Booth at Bioneers, San Rafael, CA	\$1,100.00
10' x 10' Tabling Booth at Green Festival, San Francisco, CA	\$1,000.00
Website Costs	\$500.00
Misc Operating Costs (office supplies, etc...)	\$675.00
Total	\$10,800.00